

# WORSHIP GUIDE — SUNDAY, MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> — 10:15AM

## *Loving Reach*

*James 5:19-20*

**Welcome:** *[Pastor Steve]*

- Praise the Lord for His leading in the life of our church
- Today we finish out the last verses in James' Epistle, 5:19-20. In these verses James calls the believers to rightly reach into the lives of those wandering from the Lord.
  - **James 5:19-20** - <sup>19</sup>*My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, <sup>20</sup>let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.*
- As we consider this delightful responsibility, it is good for us to remember how Christ has reached into the lives of sinners to provide salvation. Our corporate singing will give us voice to thank God for His pursuit of sinners. Our Scripture reading will remind us of Christ's loving reach into our lives.

## **CHRIST'S LOVE FOR SINNERS**

**Congregational Song:** And Can it Be?

And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain—  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray—  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

*Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th' eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own

*Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

**Congregational Song:** How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

**Scripture Reading:** Christ's Reach to Sinners – Luke 15:1-10 [Pastor Bernie]

*Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."*

*<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that*

*is lost, until he finds it?<sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'<sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.*

*The Parable of the Lost Coin*

*<sup>8</sup> "Or what woman, having ten silver coins,<sup>[a]</sup> if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it?<sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.'<sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*

## **THE SINNERS' HOPE IS CHRIST**

### **Congregational Song:** Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death?  
Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence?  
That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand?  
What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah!  
Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah!  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?  
God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

*O sing hallelujah!  
Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah!  
Now and ever we confess*

*Christ our hope in life and death.*

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?  
"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord,  
Then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy,  
When Christ is ours forevermore.

*O sing hallelujah!  
Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah!  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.*

**Congregational Song:** Jesus Strong and Kind

Jesus said that if I thirst  
I should come to Him  
No one else can satisfy  
I should come to Him

Jesus said, if I am weak  
I should come to Him  
No one else can be my strength  
I should come to Him

*For the Lord is good and faithful  
He will keep us day and night  
We can always run to Jesus  
Jesus, strong and kind*

Jesus said that if I fear  
I should come to Him  
No one else can be my shield  
I should come to Him

*For the Lord is good and faithful  
He will keep us day and night  
We can always run to Jesus  
Jesus, strong and kind*

Jesus said, if I am lost  
He will come to me  
And He showed me on that cross  
He will come to me

*For the Lord is good and faithful  
He will keep us day and night  
We can always run to Jesus  
Jesus, strong and kind*

### **Children 3-K5 dismissed to Jr Church**

### **Message: James 5:19-20 [Pastor Steve]**

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### **Closing Song: O Mighty Cross**

O mighty cross, Love lifted high,  
The Lord of life raised there to die;  
His sacrifice on Calvary  
Has made the mighty cross a tree of life to me.

O mighty cross, what throne of grace,  
He knew no sin, yet took my place;  
His sacrifice on Calvary  
Has made the mighty cross a tree of life to me.

O mighty cross, O Christ so pure,  
Love held Him there, such shame endured;  
His sacrifice on Calvary  
Has made the mighty cross a tree of life to me.

O mighty cross, my soul's release;  
The stripes He bore have brought me peace;  
His sacrifice on Calvary  
Has made the mighty cross a tree of life to me.

### **Closing Announcements: [Pastor Steve]**

- Camp Chetek Junior Camp (June 20-25) sign up and registration early deadline by March 27<sup>th</sup>

- Ladies Event – Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>
- Tonight at 6:00pm – Singspiration & Testimonies
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Special Giving Sunday